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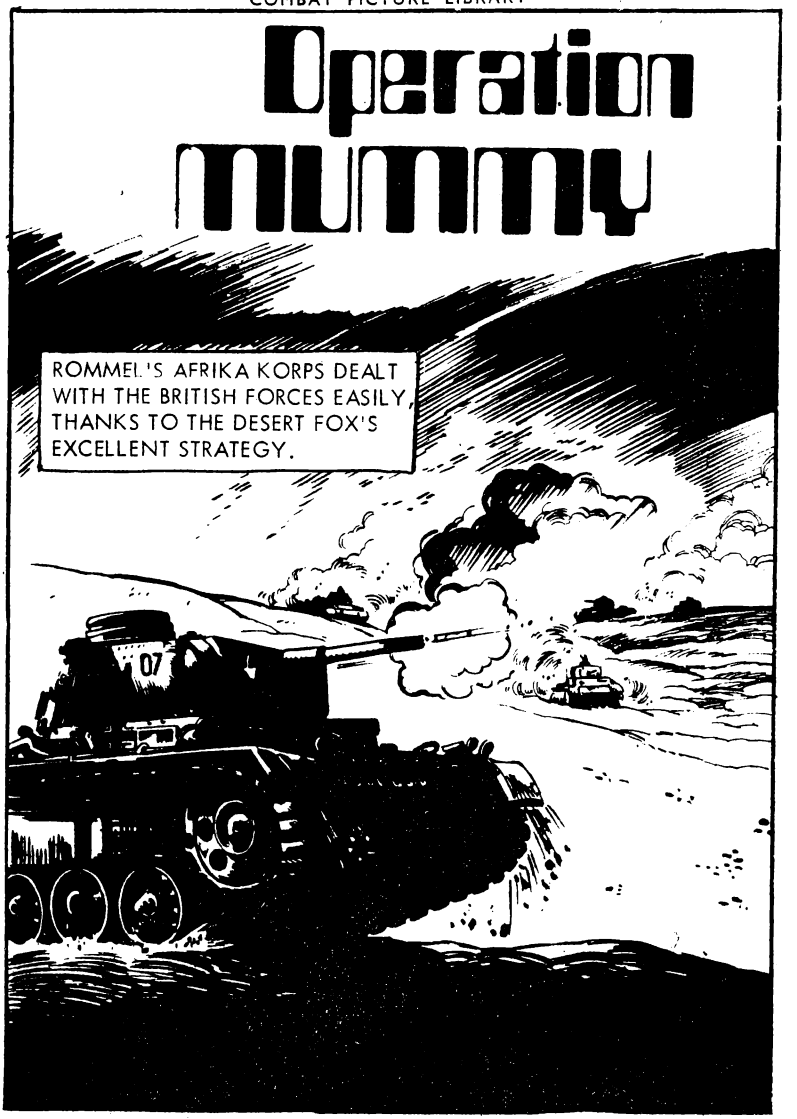

FORWARD!
THE PANZERS ADVANCED IMPLACABLY.
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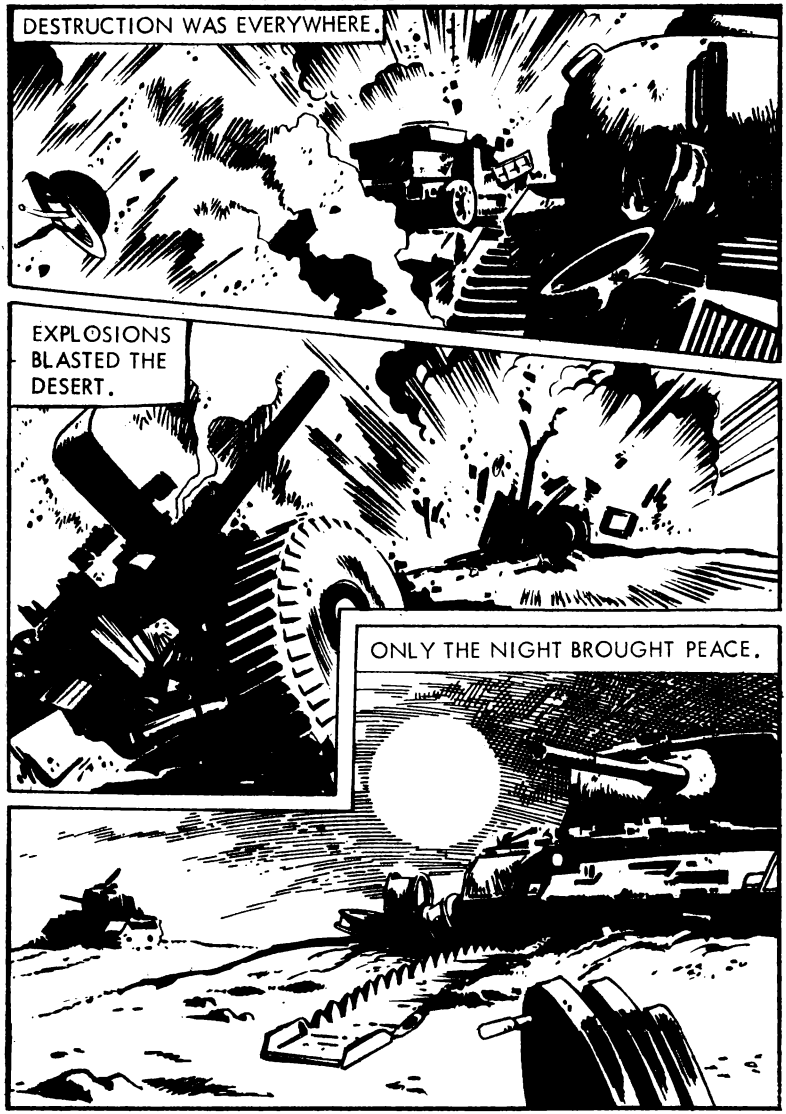
AND THE BRITISH WERE FORCED TO RETREAT.
FALL BACK!
CHAOS SPREAD.


DESTRUCTION WAS EVERYWHERE.
EXPLOSIONS BLASTED THE DESERT.
ONLY THE NIGHT BROUGHT PEACE.

BUT, FOR SOME, IT WAS A SHORT TRUCE.
LIEUTENANT COOPER, TAKE YOUR TANK AND PATROL.
NOW, COLONEL?

YES...FIND OUT IF THE GERMANS ARE AROUND OTHERWISE WE SHAN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
VERY WELL, SIR.

COME ON, SERGEANT. GET MOVING, BIG!
DAMNED LUCK!

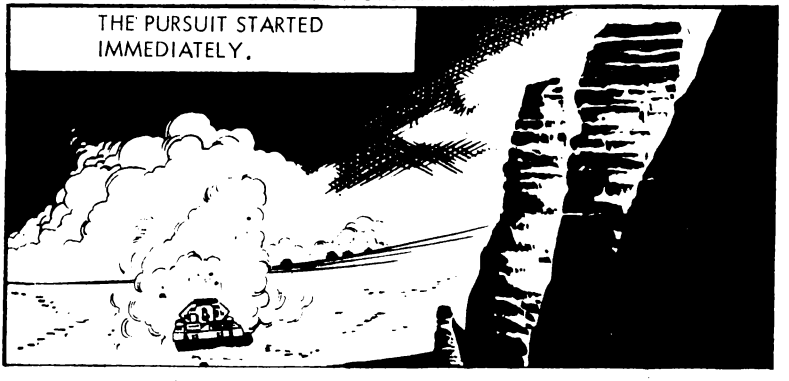
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THEM WE'RE SICK?
WE'VE GOT MALARIA, JACK!
(DAMN!)

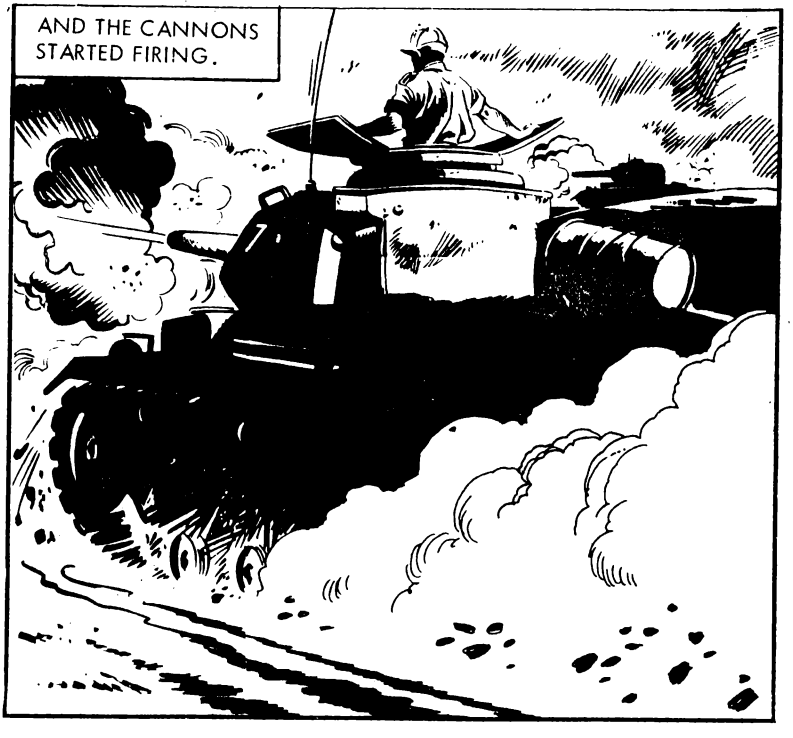
WATCH WHAT YOU SAY!
OH, ALL RIGHT, "SIR".
AT YOUR ORDERS, "LIEUTENANT"!

IT WAS A PATROL MISSION LIKE MANY OTHERS.

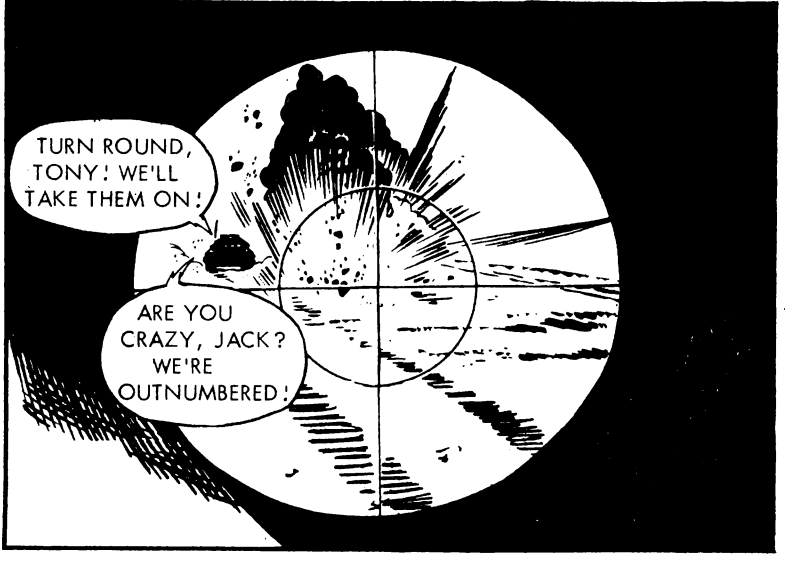
BUT JUST AS DAWN BROKE...
ACHTUNG!

GERMANS, JACK!
AND THEY'VE SEEN US!

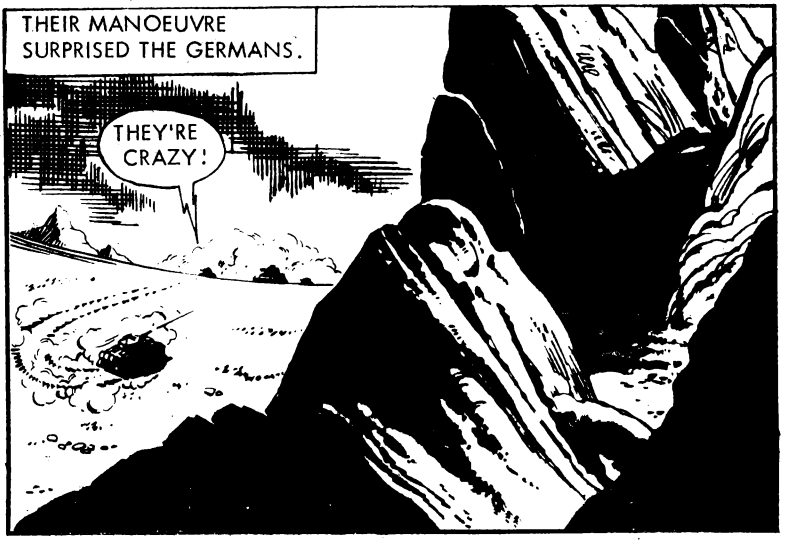

THE PURSUIT STARTED IMMEDIATELY.

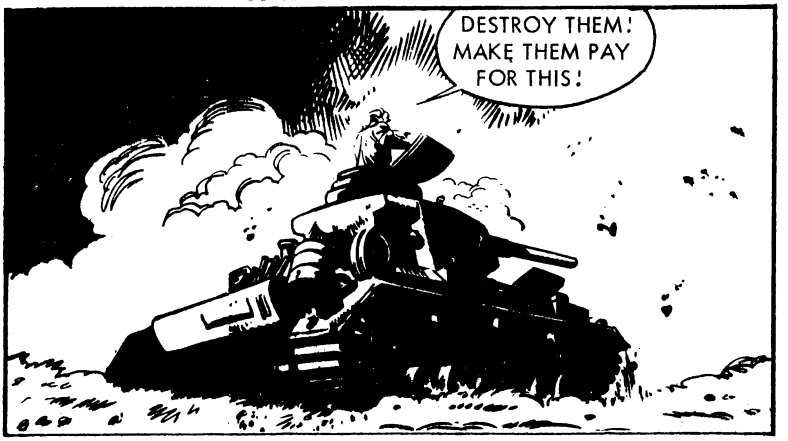

AND THE CANNONS STARTED FIRING.

HELL! THEY'LL SHOOT US TO PIECES!
UF!


TURN ROUND, TONY! WE'LL TAKE THEM ON!
ARE YOU CRAZY, JACK? WE'RE OUTNUMBERED!

TURN ROUND! I'VE GOT AN IDEA. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE'LL SAVE OURSELVES!
OKAY, JACK! YOU'RE THE LIEUTENANT!


THEIR MANOEUVRE SURPRISED THE GERMANS.
THEY'RE CRAZY!


DESTROY THEM! MAKE THEM PAY FOR THIS!

THE BRITISH TANK WAS COMPLETELY BLOWN UP.

IT WENT UP LIKE A GIANT GRENADE.

IT WAS ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE GERMANS.
LET'S GET BACK TO THE BASE.

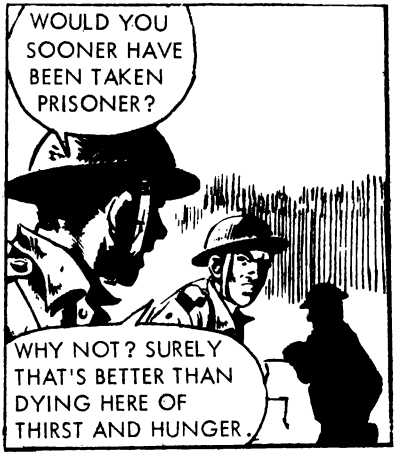
HOWEVER...
AM I GLAD WE WEREN'T IN THERE!
THEY THINK WE'RE DEAD!

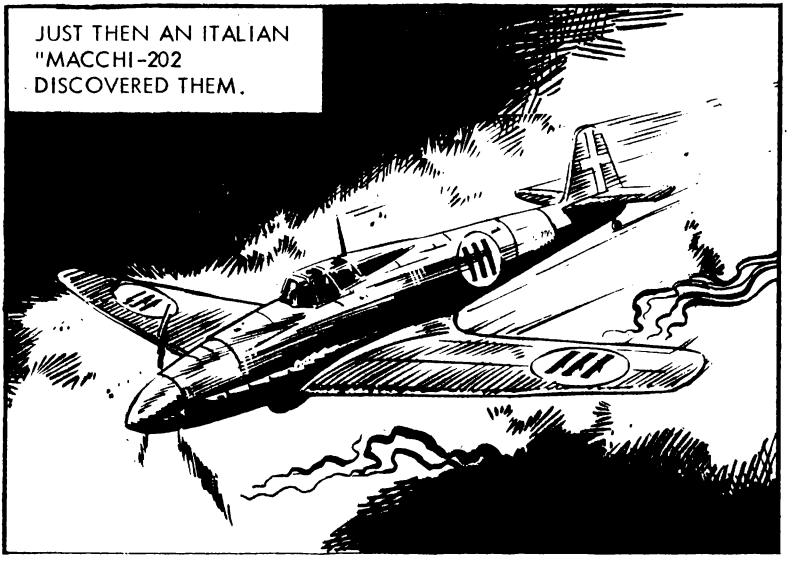
THANKS TO MY IDEA OF JUMPING THROUGH THE REAR HATCH WHILE THE TANK ADVANCED.
YES, JACK... WE KNOW IT WAS ALL YOUR IDEA.

BUT NOW WHAT? A LONG WALK UNDER THE DESERT SUN?
AT LEAST WE'RE NOT PRISONERS. GET GOING!

IT ALL MEANT NEW DANGERS. LONG MILES TO WALK...THE BURNING SUN...DRAINING FATIGUE...TERRIBLE AND MORTAL THIRST!

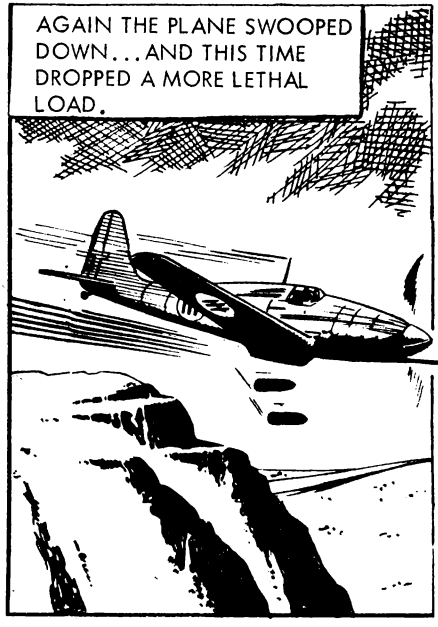
I...I CAN'T STAND THIS MUCH LONGER!

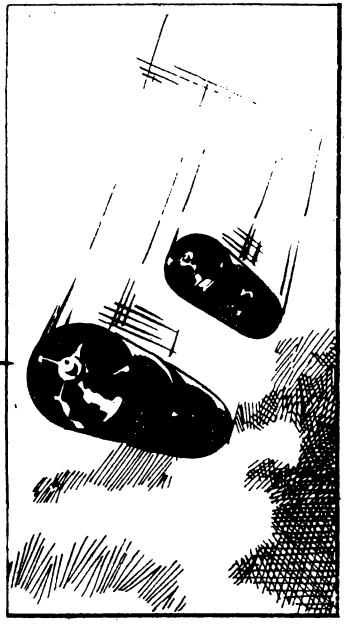



JUST THEN AN ITALIAN "MACCHI-202 DISCOVERED THEM.

GET AMONGST THOSE ROCKS, BOYS!

HE'S COMING BACK!
SWINE! WHY WON'T HE LEAVE US IN PEACE?

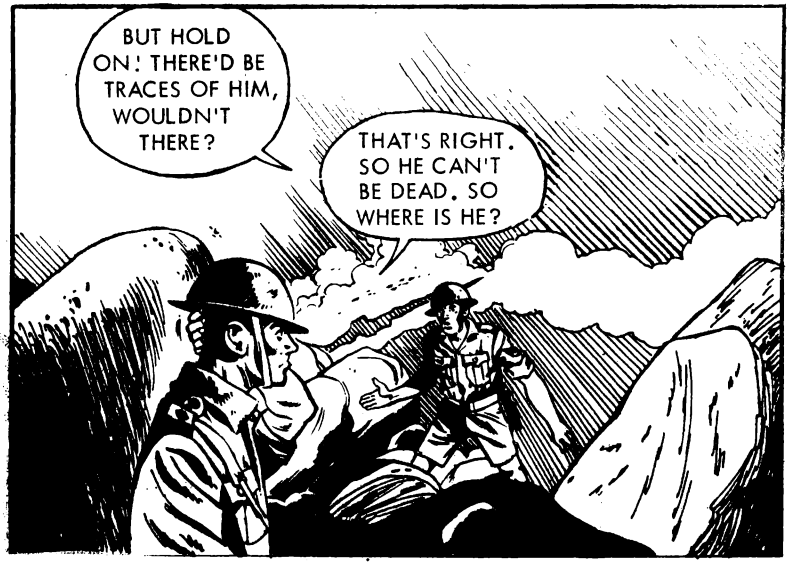

AGAIN THE PLANE SWOOPED DOWN...AND THIS TIME DROPPED A MORE LETHAL LOAD.



IT'S GOING!

HE UNLOADED ALL HIS BOMBS ON US!
BUT BIG? WHERE IS HE?

HE'S VANISHED COMPLETELY! THE BOMBS MUST HAVE BLOWN HIM TO PIECES!
MY GOD! WHAT A GRIM END! HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST.


BUT HOLD ON! THERE'D BE TRACES OF HIM, WOULDN'T THERE?
THAT'S RIGHT. SO HE CAN'T BE DEAD. SO WHERE IS HE?

HERE, JACK! HE-E-E-RE!

LOOK! THE BOMBS OPENED A BIG HOLE IN THE ROCKS!
WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE BIG!

GOOD JOB WE BROUGHT THE TORCHES FROM THE TANK. HEY...STAIRS!
BIG, WHERE ARE YOU?

JEEPERS, TONY! IT-IT'S AN ANCIENT EYGPTIAN TOMB!
PROBABLY BEEN SEALED OF FOR THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE THOUSAND YEARS.

MUMMIES!
BUT WHERE'S BIG?

HERE, YOU NUMBSKULLS!
EH?

AND LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN ONE OF THE JARS!
JEWELS!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

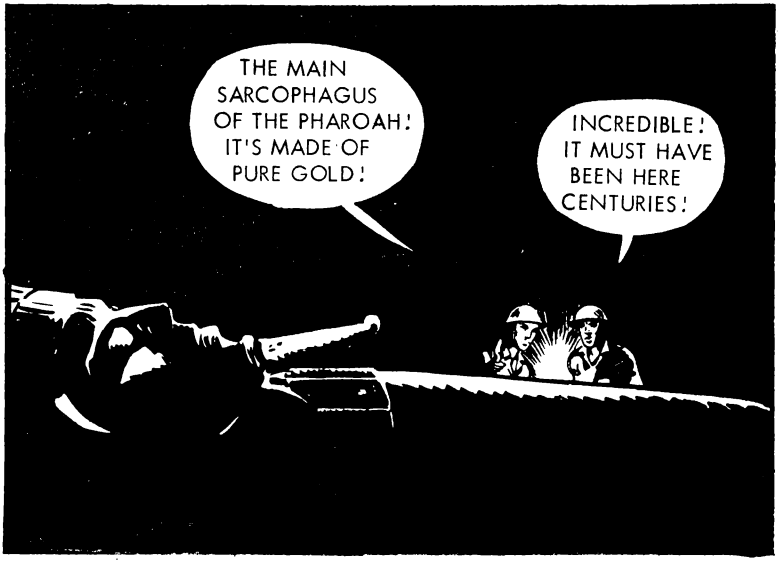
FINE, JACK JUST THAT THE EXPLOSION BLEW OPEN THIS PLACE- AND I FELL IN!
GREAT GUNS! IT MUST BE WORTH MILLIONS!
AND THERE'S LOTS MORE OF THIS STUFF AROUND THE PLACE!
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND SOME MORE.
LIEUTENANT JACK COOPER FOUND SOMETHING HE HADN'T BEEN LOOKING FOR.
THE SLAB'S LOOSE!

HEEEELP!
JACK! WAIT!

HE DROPPED THROUGH THIS HOLE.
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM, TONY.

HOLD TIGHT, BIG. I'LL TRY TO GET HIM UP.
THOSE PHAROAHS WERE TRICKY FELLERS TO DEAL WITH. BE CAREFUL.

LOOK AT THIS, TONY!
AAAH! I'M GOING!


THE MAIN SARCOPHAGUS OF THE PHAROAH! IT'S MADE OF PURE GOLD!
INCREDIBLE! IT MUST HAVE BEEN HERE CENTURIES!

ASK BIG TO COME DOWN. WE'VE GOT TO EXAMINE IT IN DETAIL.
THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE EXIT AFTER-WARDS, JACK!
HEY, BUT WHO LIT THOSE TORCHES, JACK? THE MUMMIES?
NOBODY'S BEEN HERE FOR CENTURIES!
SO SOMEBODY ELSE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE NOT LONG AGO!
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
AS BIG CAME DOWN, THEY SUDDENLY HEAR A GROWLING.
WHAT'S THAT? A DOG?
SOUNDS LIKE IT!
GUAU!
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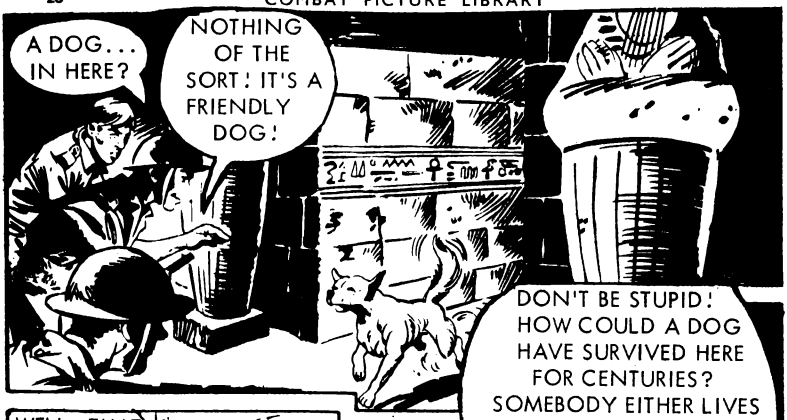
LOOK OUT, JACK! IT COULD BE A MONSTER!


A DOG... IN HERE?
NOTHING OF THE SORT! IT'S A FRIENDLY DOG!

DON'T BE STUPID! HOW COULD A DOG HAVE SURVIVED HERE FOR CENTURIES? SOMEBODY EITHER LIVES HERE OR VISITS HERE! BUT HE CAN'T HAVE ENTERED THE SAME WAY AS WE DID!

WELL, THAT PROVES THE TOMB ISN'T SEALED.
SURE THE DOG COULDN'T HAVE BELONGED TO THE PHARAOH? IT'S VERY THIN.

WHY HASN'T HE TAKEN THE JEWELS?
THIS IS VERY STRANGE!

THERE WERE MORE SURPRISES IN STORE!

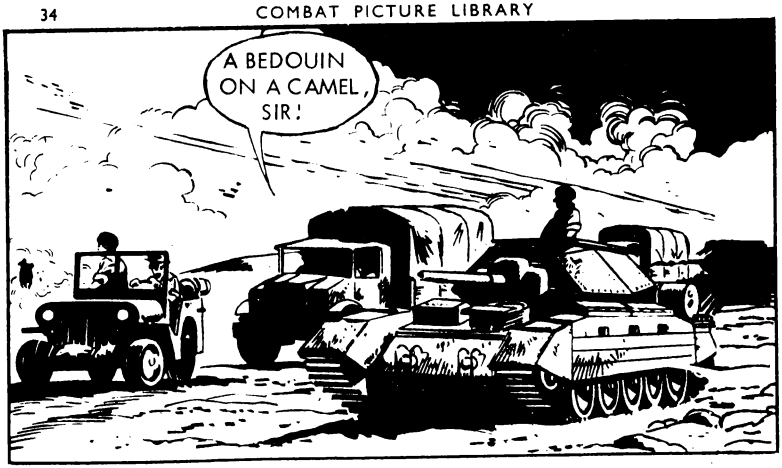
MUUAAAGGG...
MUAAAAGGGGG.....
OH, DEAR AUNT! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! A WALKING MUMMY!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE OR I'LL SHOOT!
NO, I...
BY ALLAH! DON'T KILL ME!
I THOUGHT MUMMIES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETEY DEAD!
I'M A BEDOUIN. I WANTED TO FRIGHTEN YOU.
WHY?

I DISCOVERED THIS TOMB BY CHANCE. THE TREASURE IS MINE.
NOT ANY MORE IT ISN'T.
AS YOU SAY, GREAT SIR. THIS IS MY DOG, "OASIS".
WHY IS IT SO THIN?
WE'VE BEEN IN THE DESERT FOR A LONG TIME. LIFE IS VERY HARD FOR A POOR BEDOUIN!
I'M YUSSEL ALI-BASKY ABDULLA... YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT.
LET'S GET TO THE POINT, FRIEND. HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
BY THE SOUTH SIDE. I'LL GUIDE YOU THERE.
WE DON'T WANT TO GO YET.' WE WANT TO LOOK ROUND.

KEEP THOSE THINGS. I'M AFTER SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE!
'WHAT?
THIS IS THE SACRED PAPYRUS OF AMOFIS IV! IF I CAN DECIPHER THE HIEROGLYPHICS, I WILL LEARN WHERE THE GREAT TREASURE IS HIDDEN. BUT I DOUBT IF I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO READ IT!
AN EGYPTOLOGIST COULD.
THIS IS ASTONISHING!
THE SECRET OF AMOFIS IV IS ON THAT PAPYRUS!
THERE IS SOMEBODY WHO CAN READ IT, SIR? THAT WILL MEAN RICHES FOR ALL OF US!
WE CAN GIVE IT A TRY.

I'LL GUIDE YOU. I KNOW THESE PLACES.
WE'LL BE RICH!
COVER THE EXIT. NOBODY MUST KNOW OUR SECRET!
THIS IS MY CAMEL.
I AM GRATEFUL TO ALLAH FOR FINDING YOU! YOU WILL DECIPHER THE PAPYRUS!
"FATIMA" WILL TAKE US TO CAIRO.
HERE'S THE PAPYRUS. BUT AREN'T THREE OF US TOO MUCH FOR ONE CAMEL?

BUT...
GOODBYE, FRIENDS!
EH?
WAIT! YOU CAN'T LEAVE US HERE ALONE!
STOP! SOMEBODY'S SHOOTING!
BANG!
BANG!


A BEDOUIN ON A CAMEL, SIR!

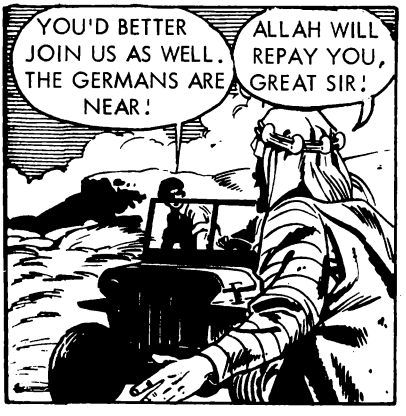
HALT! WHAT IS THAT SHOOTING ABOUT?
OH, SIR! SOLDIERS CHASING ME TO ROB ME!

LET'S GET HIM!
WAIT UNTIL I'VE HIDDEN THIS!

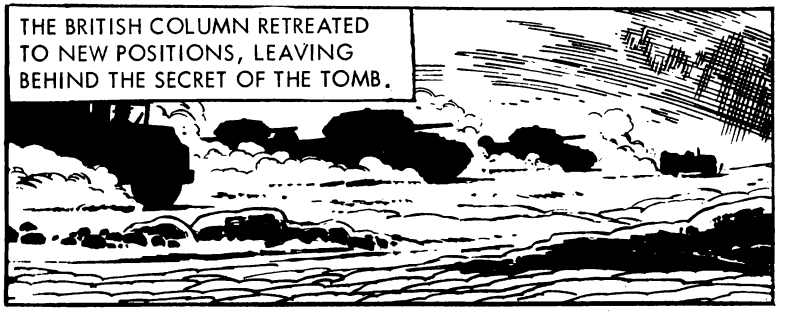
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, LIUETENANT? ARE YOU TRYING TO ROB THIS POOR BEDOUIN?
ROB HIM?

THE GERMANS DESTROYED THEIR TANK. AND THEY WANTED MY CAMEL, GREAT SIR!
WELL, YES... WE WANTED THE CAMEL TO RETURN TO BASE.

JOIN THE COLUMN! WE'RE RETREATING! AND THEN YOU CAN EXPLAIN HOW YOU LOST THE TANK!
YES, SIR.


YOU'D BETTER JOIN US AS WELL. THE GERMANS ARE NEAR!
ALLAH WILL REPAY YOU, GREAT SIR!

LIAR! BUT WE'LL SETTLE WITH YOU LATER!
SAY ANYTHING AND ALL FOUR OF US LOSE THE TREASURE.

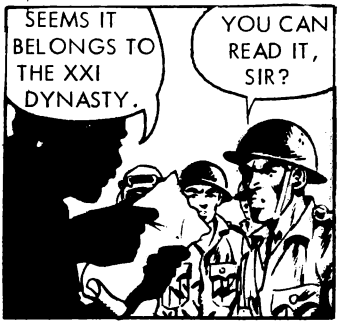

THE BRITISH COLUMN RETREATED TO NEW POSITIONS, LEAVING BEHIND THE SECRET OF THE TOMB.

THE FIGHT CONTINUED IN THE DESERT - AS FIERCELY AND CRUELLY AS USUAL.

AND IN THE NEW POSITIONS...
THE PAPYRUS, YOU ROGUE!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE THAT POOR CHAP ALONE?

HE SOLD US THIS PAPYRUS AND THEN...
LET ME SEE IT.


SEEMS IT BELONGS TO THE XXI DYNASTY.
YOU CAN READ IT, SIR?

NO...BUT A FRIEND OF MINE IN LONDON WILL. HERE, TAKE THIS IN PAYMENT FOR IT. I'M CRAZY ABOUT THESE THINGS!

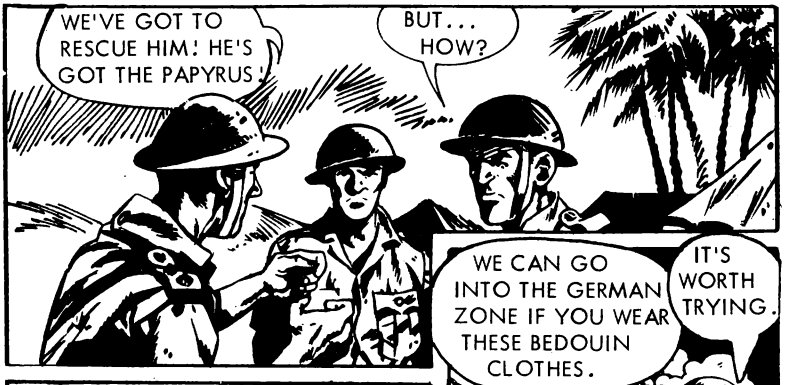
WELL, NOW WHAT?
WE COULDN'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH!

HE DOESN'T THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.
BUT WAIT UNTIL HIS FRIEND IN LONDON READS IT!
THEN GOODBYE, TREASURE!

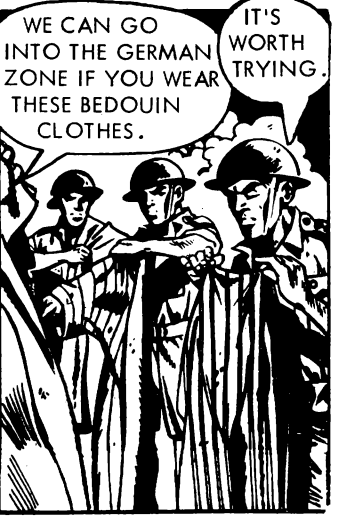
BUT THINGS BECAME EVEN MORE COMPLICATED. THE GERMANS ADVANCED FURTHER THROUGH THE DESERT.

THEY'VE TAKEN THE COLONEL PRISONER!

YOU'RE KIDDING!
I'M NOT! THE GERMANS GOT HIM! WE COULDN'T STOP THEM!


WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE HIM! HE'S GOT THE PAPYRUS!
BUT... HOW?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
WHAT?

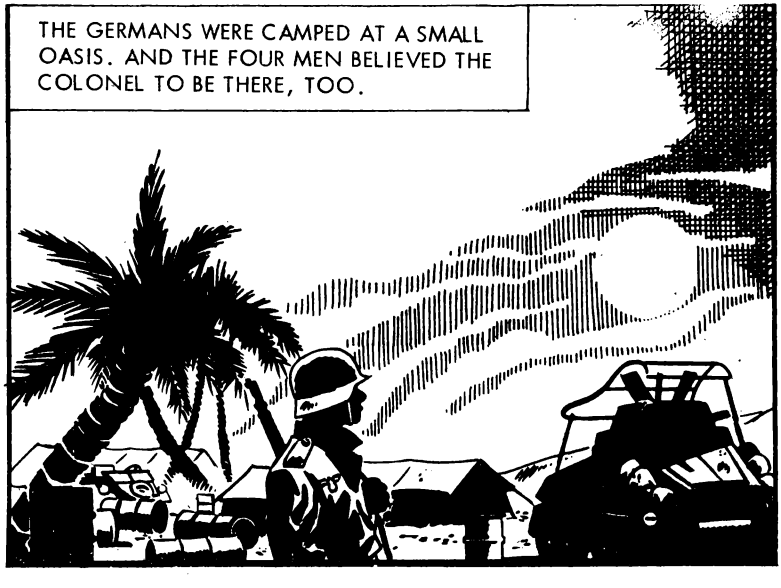

WE CAN GO INTO THE GERMAN ZONE IF YOU WEAR THESE BEDOUIN CLOTHES.
IT'S WORTH TRYING.

SOME HOURS LATER, THEY CROSSED THE DESERT IN THEIR CAMOUFLAGE.
YOU KNOW THE GERMANS, YUSSEL?
I'M FRIENDLY WITH EVERYBODY.
AT LAST...
BEDOUINS, CAPTAIN.
LET THEM COME NEARER.
WE'RE GOING TO MECCA, SIR. ALLAH HAS ASKED US.
AND YOUR FRIENDS?

THEY'RE DUMB, SIR.

WE ONLY WANT TO REST BEFORE CONTINUING OUR TRIP TOMORROW.
VERY WELL.

WATCH THEM, HANS. I NEVER TRUST BEDOUINS!
YES, CAPTAIN.


THE GERMANS WERE CAMPED AT A SMALL OASIS. AND THE FOUR MEN BELIEVED THE COLONEL TO BE THERE, TOO.

THERE'S A GERMAN FOLLOWING US, JACK.
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

LET ME DO IT. FATIMA WILL HELP ME.

DATES FROM ALLAH'S PARADISE, SOLDIER?
WHY NOT, IF THEY'RE FRESH?

TIE HIM! WE CAN LOOK FOR THE COLONEL NOW.
QUICK, BOYS!

PUT THE EXPLOSIVES IN THE TANKS. AS SOON AS WE FIND HIM, WE'VE GOT TO VANISH FAST!
WE'LL LEAVE ONE FOR US.

THERE HE IS!
THEY'RE PROBABLY INTERROGATING HIM!

TOMORROW YOU WILL BE FORCED TO SAY WHERE YOUR TROOPS ARE LOCATED.
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING!

WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU TALK!
I'M NOT FRIGHTENED.

BUT THEY DID NOTHING OF THE SORT.
QUIET!
EH?

THEY QUICKLY TRUSSED THE GERMANS.
LET'S GO COLONEL! THEY'LL BE ASLEEP FOR A LONG TIME!
WELL, I'LL BE DASHED!

HOP IN! TONY AND BIG ARE IN ALREADY!
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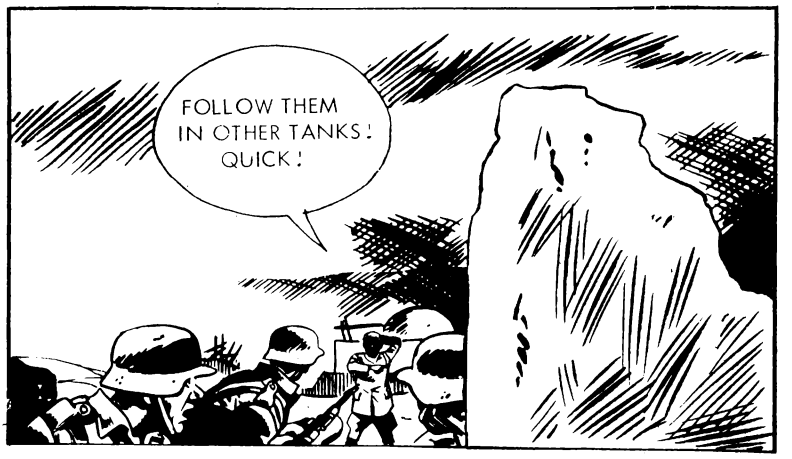
THE ALARM SOON SPREAD AS THE TANK SET OUT.
HALT!
THEY'RE TAKING OUR PRISONER AWAY!


FOLLOW THEM IN OTHER TANKS! QUICK!

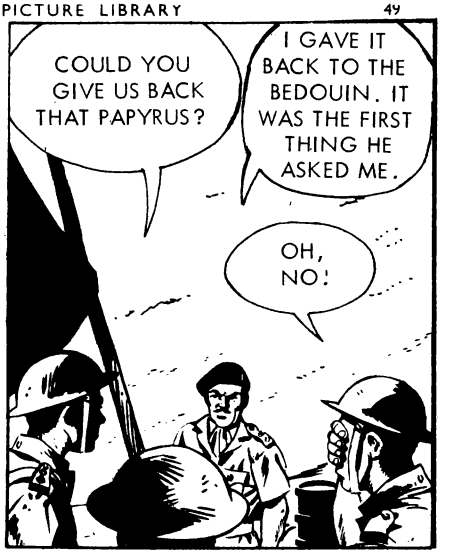
BUT THEN THEY RAN TO THE TANKS...

THEY HAVE BLOWN UP OUR TANKS!
DAMNATION!

THE REST WAS EASY.
FATIMA AND YOUR DOG ARE FOLLOWING US, YUSSEL.
YES. THEY'RE VERY FAITHFUL TO ME.

WELL, CHAPS. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU.
GIVING US PERMISSION TO VISIT CAIRO WOULD DO, COLONEL.

A PLEASURE. YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION.
AND SOMETHING ELSE, SIR.


COULD YOU GIVE US BACK THAT PAPYRUS?
I GAVE IT BACK TO THE BEDOUIN. IT WAS THE FIRST THING HE ASKED ME.
OH, NO!

THEY DIDN'T WASTE A SECOND.
GET A MOVE ON, JACK. WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM.
HE'S A LIAR!

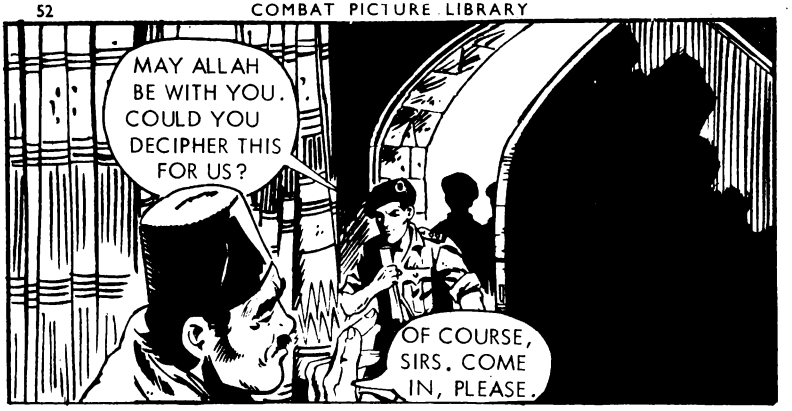
THERE HE IS!
HE WON'T ESCAPE THIS TIME!

GET DOWN, FRIEND!
HOLD IT, WHERE'S THE PAPYRUS?

WELL...WE DID AGREE TO SHARE THE TREASURE, DIDN'T WE?
BUT YOU WANTED IT FOR YOURSELF. SO START WALKING NOW!

THE FIGHT IN THE DESERT STILL WENT ON WITH GREAT LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

BUT NOW THEY WERE IN CAIRO.
THIS IS MUSTAFA AISHA'S STORE. HE WILL INFORM YOU.
AREN'T YOU COMING IN WITH US, YUSSEL?
OH, NO! MUSTAFA AISHA DOESN'T TRUST BEDOUINS LIKE ME. HE WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING OF WHAT HE KNOWS. I'LL BE WAITING OUTSIDE.
LET'S GO, BOYS!


MAY ALLAH BE WITH YOU. COULD YOU DECIPHER THIS FOR US?
OF COURSE, SIRS. COME IN, PLEASE.

I WILL ALSO DO SOMETHING ELSE.

AND HE DID!
GET THEM!
A TRAP!

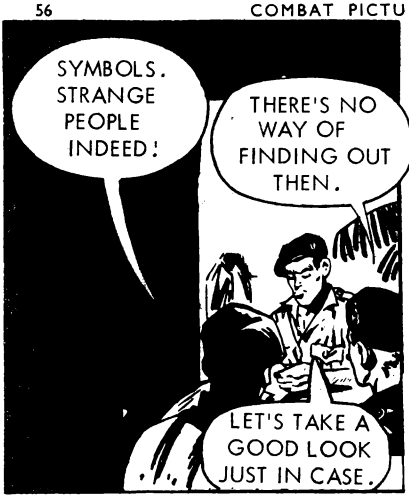
LOOK OUT, BOYS!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
IF I EVER CATCH THAT YUSSEL AGAIN, I'LL SKIN HIM!
THE TRAITOR!

I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF ALL THIS!
ALL THIS DAMNED TROUBLE OVER A PAPYRUS!
BUT WE'LL BE MILLIONAIRES IF WE CAN DECIPHER IT.
BUT WHAT IF YUSSEL GOES BACK TO THE TOMB AND DISCOVERES IT FIRST?
HE CAN'T. THE AREA'S OCCUPIED BY THE GERMANS NOW.

WHEN THE WAR'S OVER, WE'LL GO BACK...AND NOT BEFORE. BUT OF COURSE, WE'LL HAVE TO DECIPHER THE DAMNED PAPYRUS FIRST!

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, JACK.
IT'D BE USELESS, BIG. THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS USED SYMBOLS.

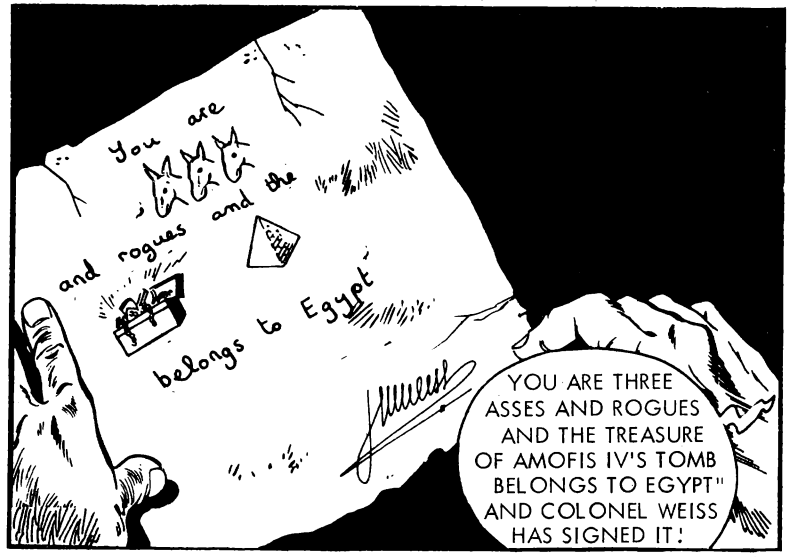

SYMBOLS. STRANGE PEOPLE INDEED!
THERE'S NO WAY OF FINDING OUT THEN.
LET'S TAKE A GOOD LOOK JUST IN CASE.

OH, NO! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT'S WRONG, JACK?

THEY'VE TRICKED US LIKE FOOLS!
ANOTHER JOKE OF YUSSEL'S?

NOT THIS TIME, TONY. SOMETHING WORSE.

WHAT A JOKE! YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES, QUITE CLEAR.


You are
and rogues and the
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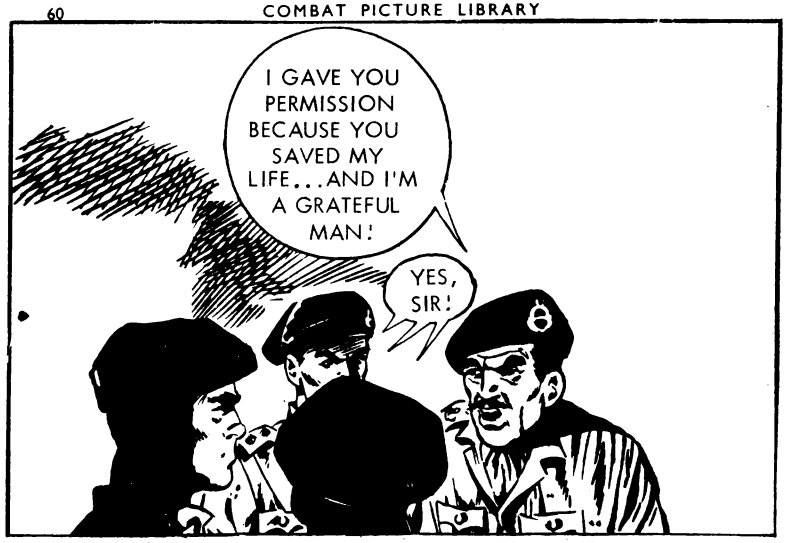
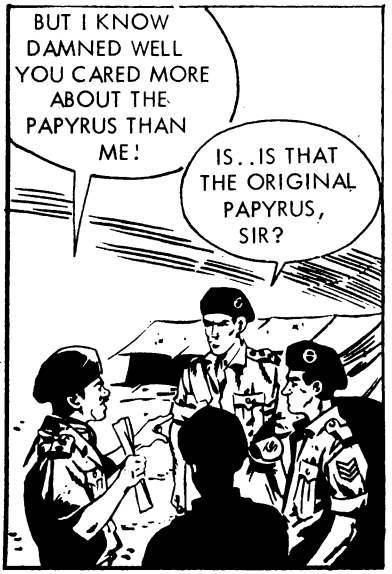
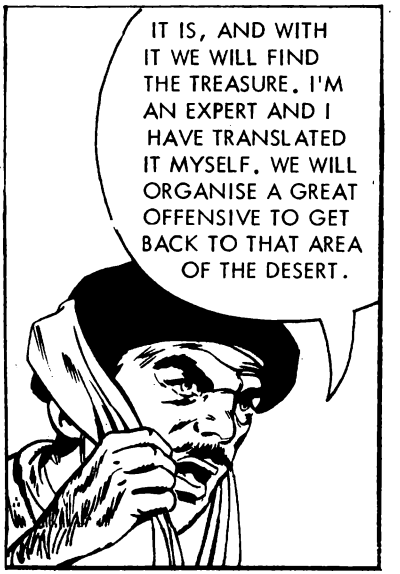
YOU ARE THREE ASSES AND ROGUES AND THE TREASURE OF AMOFIS IV'S TOMB BELONGS TO EGYPT" AND COLONEL WEISS HAS SIGNED IT!

HE CHANGED THE PAPYRUS WHEN HE RETURNED IT TO US!
HE TRICKED US LIKE FOOLS!
HE CALLED US "ASSES". HE WAS RIGHT!

WHAT CAN WE DO NOW, JACK?
I DON'T KNOW, BOYS. AS SOON AS OUR LEAVE IS FINISHED HE'LL ASK US TO EXPLAIN. THEN HE'LL ARREST US!
BUT THEN...
LIEUTENANT JACK COOPER? ORDERS FROM COLONEL WEISS, SIR.
I MIGHT HAVE IMAGINED!
YOU'RE TO GO BACK TO THE FRONT.
WHAT AMAZES ME IS THAT HE GAVE US PERMISSION!
A FEW HOURS LATER, THE COLONEL WOULD EXPLAIN TO THEM.

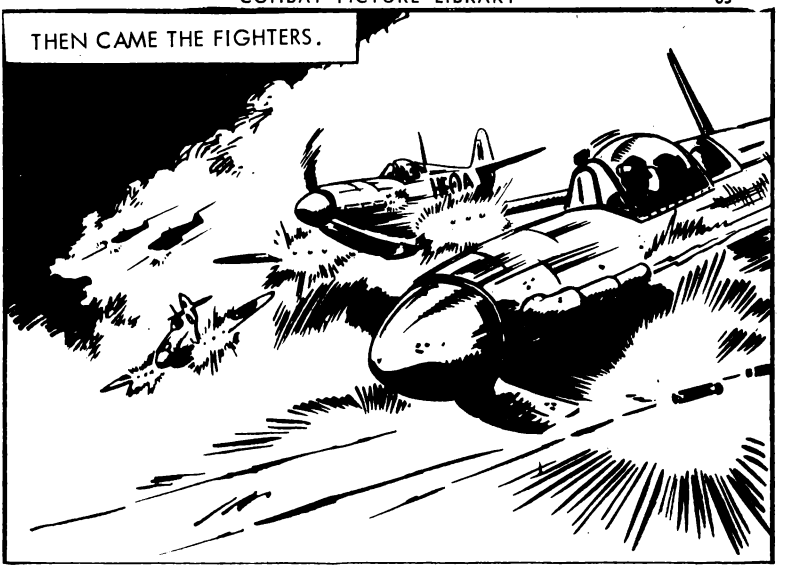

I GAVE YOU PERMISSION BECAUSE YOU SAVED MY LIFE...AND I'M A GRATEFUL MAN!
YES, SIR!


BUT I KNOW DAMNED WELL YOU CARED MORE ABOUT THE PAPYRUS THAN ME!
IS..IS THAT THE ORIGINAL PAPYRUS, SIR?


IT IS, AND WITH IT WE WILL FIND THE TREASURE. I'M AN EXPERT AND I HAVE TRANSLATED IT MYSELF. WE WILL ORGANISE A GREAT OFFENSIVE TO GET BACK TO THAT AREA OF THE DESERT.

"OPERATION MUMMY" BEGAN.

THE CANONS BEGAN TO ROAR AGAIN.
FIRE!
THE TANKS OPENED THE WAY.


THEN CAME THE FIGHTERS.

FORWARD! ATTACK!

HARD AT IT, BOYS! IF WE DO WELL, THE COLONEL MIGHT LET US OFF!
I DOUBT IT! HE'S FURIOUS WITH US!

LIEUTENANT COOPER, BRING YOUR AMBITIOUS FRIENDS HERE.
YES, COLONEL.

GUIDE THE TROOPS TO THE TOMB AND WE WILL ATTACK FROM THERE.
YES, SIR!

LET'S GO, BOYS!

THEY DID IT ANXIOUSLY.
WE'VE STILL A CHANCE TO GET IN HIS GOOD BOOKS.'
THE GERMANS RETREATED.
AND AT LAST...
UNDER THOSE ROCKS, COLONEL.
VERY WELL, JACK. NOW WE'LL FIND THE TREASURE.

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